

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
March 2, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, to consider the officers necessary for the transaction of the business of the two Houses of the General Assembly, respectively, and report by bill or otherwise regulating their numbers, compensation *et cetera*. We have named on part of the House, Messrs. Chapman, Watkins and Colton.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Fields submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
March 3, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to take into consideration the number of officers necessary for the transaction of the business of the two Houses of the General Assembly respectively, and to report by bill or otherwise, regulating their number, compensation, &c., and concur therein. We have appointed on the part of Senate, Messrs. Fields and Earle.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following bills :

The bill entitled an Act to repeal Article 8, of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, from sections 114 to 142 inclusive, title "Cecil County," sub-title, "North East," and re-enact the same with amendments.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Senators from Cecil, Worcester and Carroll counties.

A bill entitled an Act to amend an Act passed at the January session, 1867, of the General Assembly of Maryland,